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PRODUCTION OF COFFEE AND RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of natural rubber and coffee in India is the highest among the major natural rubber producing countries in the world;

(b) if so, the details of production of natural rubber and coffee during 2005-06 and 2006-07, country-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the production and marketing of these products in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) No Sir.

(b) The details of production of coffee and Natural Rubber during 2005-06 & 2006-07, country-wise are as under:

Coffee (in tonnes)

Country	2005-06	2006-07
Brazil	9,76,640	25,50,720
Colombia	7,17,540	6,96,000
Indonesia	5,19,540	4,11,000
Vietnam	8,09,940	9,00,000
India	2,74,000	2,88,000
Others	23,65,700	25,83,600
World Total	66,63,360	74,29,320

Natural Rubber (in tonnes)

Country	2005#	2006#
Thailand	29,37,000	29,68,000
Indonesia	22,71,000	24,54,000
Malaysia	11,26,000	12,11,000
India	7,72,000	8,57,000
Vietnam	4,69,000	5,36,000
China	4,28,000	4,46,000
World Total	87,77,000	92,55,000

Information for other countries is available for calendar year only.

(c) The Government of India through Coffee Board and Rubber Board is implementing various plan schemes for augmenting domestic production of coffee and Natural Rubber respectively. These include replantation of low yielding plantations and increasing productivity of existing plantations. Further, various initiatives are being undertaken by the respective Boards with financial support o f the Government of India for the marketing of their products. The Coffee Board has provided training courses on roasting and brewing of coffee, promoted coffee through media advertisements and participated in national and regional fairs. The Rubber Board has strengthened Rubber Producers Societies in rubberwood processing and value addition and participated in various national fairs.